

Murdo, Patricia

Subject: FW: Wording conflict in proposed honey bill

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Pat, et al.

After reviewing the revised language in the draft bill, LCpooh, dated with revision August 26, 2014 (10:54am), I wish to commend the drafter and the committee for capturing the correct essence of what we (Montana beekeepers and their customers) are after.

The updated text reading as follows: "

(16) "Raw and unprocessed farm products" means:

(a) raw honey that:

(i) is not combined with other food products; and

(ii) if packaged is packaged in a clean container with or without a label; "is a very clear, concise and understandable change that meets the needs of both the people it serves complying with the law and the public served by the law.

I look forward to following this draft bill as it gets passed in Legislature and the follow-on actions by DPHHS incorporating the revised approach fostering honey sales at Farmer's Markets state-wide.

I will not be able to attend the 12 September meeting in person, however I am happy to answer questions, provide justifications or further details as needed. Please feel free to contact me either through email or phone; listed below. Please consider this a letter of support for moving this draft bill forward as currently defined.

v/r,
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